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Comment on the Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Draft Environmental Impact Statement

I agree with the following statements which I have checked:



- The No Action Alternatives are not reasonable. The EIS should have a reasonable no action alternative.
- The EIS is inadequate because it uses outdated 1990 census data rather than current population data for Nevada.
- 1 The analysis of transportation impacts in Nevada is insufficient for making modal, corridor and route decisions.
- The floodplain analysis is insufficient for corridor and route selection
- The impact of stigma on tourism, recreation and agriculture based economies in Nevada should be analyzed.
- The EIS should analyze the impacts of a crash between a military airplane and a nuclear waste rail car.
- 2 Other EIS needs the evaluation of proposed rail route from Beowawe, NV to Yucca Mtn by disinterested economic geology firm

Comments:

The Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Draft Environmental Impact Statement includes an option to construct a rail line from Beowawe to Yucca Mountain through Crescent Valley to transport nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain. DOE is required to consider all comments submitted regarding the impacts of building and operating a repository including transportation. My comments for the record are:

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(cont'd.) The rail route proposed by DOE from Beowawe to Yucca Mountain through Crescent Valley will pass through or go over a highly mineralized area that has been a producer of many minerals and metals for a hundred plus years. This rail route goes through the heart of the "Roberts Mountain Thrust System" this system has been uplifted and many articles written about the size (50 miles wide x 100 miles long), the mineralization (especially gold) that is lying within this geologic system is what makes Nevada the third largest gold producer in the world. There are many hundreds of unpatented and patented mining claims that the rail route as proposed will have an effect on the owners. There are large mines and developed ore bodies that the rail route has to go through or over in Crescent Valley and Carissa Valley. Please reconsider on your proposed Beowawe to Yucca Mountain rail route.

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